



**People's Energy Cooperative**

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## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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### People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants \$25,195 to local organizations

**ORONOCO, MN, August 25, 2023** — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$25,195 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **Ability Building Community (Rochester):** \$1,395 to purchase standing and lift assist equipment
- **Benedictine Living Communities (Byron):** \$2,000 to help replace a piano
- **Byron High School:** \$1,500 for a student learning environment project
- **Care Portal / Global Orphan Project (Rochester):** \$2,000 to help fund needs for vulnerable kids
- **Chatfield Lions Club:** \$1,000 to help refurbish city park
- **City of Eyota / Boy Scout Troop:** \$1,000 to help install solar phone charging stations
- **Elder Network (Rochester):** \$500 to support the Aging Mastery program
- **Eyota Farmer's Market:** \$1,300 to help with marketing and signage
- **Friends of Oxbow (Byron):** \$1,500 to help purchase supplies for ZooDazzle
- **Gamehaven Council #299 (Rochester):** \$1,300 to help purchase a robotic pool cleaner
- **Grand Meadow Area Ambulance:** \$2,500 to help purchase new computers for ambulances
- **Happy Ramblers 4-H Club (Plainview):** \$500 to help with building benches at Carley State Park
- **Kasson-Mantorville Community Education:** \$500 to help with purchasing playground equipment
- **Lake City Public Schools:** \$1,200 to help purchase TI-Nspire graphing calculators
- **PEM Bulldog Wrestling Program:** \$1,200 to help purchase a new awards stand
- **Viola Gopher Count:** \$1,800 to help purchase an AED
- **Wabasha Ambulance Service:** \$4,000 to help upgrade to advance life support equipment

The People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® fund started in 2002 and grants funds to a variety of charitable, educational, community, and youth-related programs and events.

The program is funded by donations made by members of People's Energy Cooperative who voluntarily have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the nearest dollar. Nearly 17,000 members currently participate with the average donation of \$6.00 a year per member, demonstrating that small change can add up to make a big difference.

Applications for funding are considered on a quarterly basis. The funds are held separately from the People's Energy Cooperative operating accounts and are administered through the Board of Trustees comprised of seven People's Energy Cooperative member volunteers.

To be considered for fourth quarter grants in 2023, applications must be submitted no later than September 20, 2023. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at [www.peoplesenergy.coop/operation-round-up](http://www.peoplesenergy.coop/operation-round-up) or by calling the Cooperative at (507) 367-7054 or (800) 214-2694.

### **About People's Energy Cooperative**

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating 85 years of delivering retail electric power to its 20,000 consumer-members in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha, and Winona Counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® cooperative and a member-owner in the Dairyland Power system of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). People's is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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